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SCH. PRISCILLA SMITH FULL OF WATER

Haddock Ashore at Sandy Point N. S. in Bad Position.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. Forest, is ashore at Sandy Point, Shelburne harbor, N. S., and full of water. A tow-boat and pumps have been sent to the scene, but efforts to float the craft have been unsuccessful up to noon today.

A telegram from Thomas Thornburn to Schwartz & Bernstein, part owners in the craft, this noon, says that the craft failed to right at high tide. There is a strong easterly wind blowing and the wreckers are standing by. Both holds, the forecabin and cabin are full of water.

The craft has a hole in her bottom, but it is believed that she can be saved, unless the bad weather should interfere. Capt. Manuel Silva has gone to the scene in the interests of the owners.

No particulars have been received but it is believed the craft stranded while making harbor. The Priscilla Smith measures 120.56 tons gross and 89.53 tons net. She was built at Essex in 1900, and is owned by Schwartz & Bernstein, the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company and Manuel Silva. She is valued at \$10,000 on vessel and outfits and insured at \$7500. The craft is engaged in the fresh haddock fishery.

Can't Just Make This Out.

When the history of T wharf, Boston, is written, and the trials and tribulations of the fish merchants in their efforts to remain on the old wharf, and to starve off the grafters that bled them, to say nothing of other adversities, the public will understand why they left their old home and built the handsome buildings on the new pier, where they expect to finish their course in the fish business in comfort, and in the end retire peacefully. The opening was set for February 8. It is also reported that there may be some hitch in the opening of a central wholesale fish market on account of the conditions of the pier.—Fishing Gazette.

EIGHT CAME IN THROUGH STORM

Four Beam Trawlers and Four Off Shorers Greeted With Blizzard Prices.

Eight craft tied up at the fish pier South Boston during the storm yesterday afternoon and the night. Of the four were the beam trawlers, which landed about half of the day's catch. Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. O'Neil, had 49,000 pounds fresh fish; 500 weight halibut; Natalie Hammond, Capt. Charles Corkum, 37,000 pounds; Josie and Phoebe, 42,000 pounds; Str. Reading, Capt. John Hickey, and shortly before 9 o'clock this morning her fare not being reported.

The beam trawlers in were the Str. Breaker, Ripple and Foam.

Wholesalers quoted \$3.75 to \$4.00 hundred pounds for haddock, \$4.50 for large cod, \$4 to \$4.50 for medium cod, \$4 to \$7 for hake, \$4.50 for pollock, \$2.50 for cusk and 18 cents per pound for fresh halibut.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 22,000 cod, 15,000 cod, 4000 cusk, 1000 lock, 500 halibut.

Sch. Natalie Hammond, 22,000 cod, 10,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 1000 lock.

Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 30,000 cod, 12,000 cod.

Str. Surf, 46,000 haddock, 1900 cod. Str. Breaker, 41,000 haddock.

Str. Ripple, 46,000 haddock, 2000 Str. Foam, 36,000 haddock, 2000 Sch. Reading.

Haddock, \$3.75 to \$7 per cwt.; cod, \$5 to \$7; market cod, \$4.50; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$4.50; \$2.50; halibut, 18 cents per lb.

RECORD WORK OF SHELburne BOAT

Shelburne schooner Roseway been in port for several days yesterday sailed for the fishing grounds under command of Captain Conrad. From December 2 to January 6, while Captain Conrad was in command the Roseway did some record work. In that time she caught 100,000 pounds of fish. This is certainly some for a crew of 11 men and that is seldom if ever equalled. The crew shared \$124 and had been anything at all the share have run into far bigger figures. Shelburne, N. S., Gazette and Guard.

AS NEW YORK SEES SALT FISH

"Cornering the hake market represents a big contract for anybody to undertake," said the executive head of a leading salt fish house last Wednesday. "You know there is no end to a hake's tale. There are 350 miles of seacoast, and in every cove and bay of that great stretch of distance is at least one curer of hake."

Said a leading New York authority this week: "The expected improvement in the demand for salt fish has not yet appeared in the New York market. During the interval the market has been as dull as at any time since last fall. The tone is easy, but no quotable price changes are to be noted except in the lower grades of Norway mackerel, which show some decline."

From Boston comes the summary that dealers report a good demand for salt codfish, but receivers report no change in the situation.

King & Winge To Be Halibuter.

Rebuilt into a halibut fishing boat at a cost of \$5000, the power schooner King & Winge, owned by King & Winge, the well known Seattle ship builders, and famous all over the world for her daring rescue of the Wrangell Island survivors of the Stefansson Arctic expedition last September, is now outfitting for her maiden voyage to the Alaska halibut banks.

With her enlistment in the Seattle fishing fleet, the King & Winge will rank as the largest halibut power schooner in the world. She will also be the fastest schooner in the local fleet. As a result of the remodeling work the vessel will have a fish capacity of 150,000. Every change necessary to convert her into a fishing boat of the highest and most efficient type was made without regard to expense or labor.

N. F. Bankers to Start Early.

Says the St. John's, N. F., Herald: Owing to the high prices now offering for fish, and the small stocks held in the colony, the bankers are getting ready for the western voyage unusually early and will make a start early next month. Among the foremost are Capt. John Lewis and Walter Kennedy, of Holyrood. The former's schooner Metamora, which carries a motor engine, is now in the dry dock undergoing repairs and the latter's vessel is being fitted up at Fortunate. From this place a motor boat has been operating lately, seeking herrings for her, but late reports say with but poor luck. Still both vessels have enough frozen herring to begin with and hope with good weather to make a promising spring voyage.

Fishing Vessel Owners' Association.

The organization of the owners of Seattle's independent fleet of halibut power schooners, heretofore known as the Pacific Coast Fisherman's Association, has begun the new year by re-incorporating as the Fishing Vessel Owners' Association. The reorganization of the association under the new name was effected early in this month.

The association was formed less than a year ago, and before summer had established itself on a permanent basis. Practically all the independent fleet owners have affiliated with it. A few months ago the association opened headquarters in Pier 8, the rooms including an exchange in which the fish companies' buyers and the owners of schooner arriving in port with halibut from Alaska meet every day and buy and sell.

BLIZZARD HOLDS FLEET IN PORT

The storm of yesterday kept the gill netters and market boats in port, consequently there were no landings by the fleet.

Quite a fleet of coastwise crafts are in port, waiting for clearing weather, before resuming their voyages.

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No arrivals today.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, 3. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland herring, \$3.25 per bbl. for salt bulk, \$4.25 per bbl. for pickled.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.15; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.

Fresh halibut, 16 1-2c for white and 10c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per lb.

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THE FISH SITUATION.

The Lenten season is coming apace. The great reserve stocks of salt will begin to move into consumption. The domestic mackerel market, has been lifeless for months, will not itself once more. The salt fish merchants who have been handling salt-to-hand mouth and hold-over or will once more begin to do a substantial business that will yield a fair, reasonable and a living profit. Much depends upon the season of Lent. May be deserving be not disappointed.—*Living Gazette.*

Newfoundland Fish Comment.

There is a good deal of dissatisfaction with what is known as "Current Market Price," this season says the *John's N. F. Trade Review*. Owing to late season and short catch, the price on the coast for fish shipped out to foreign market varied very much more than usual, and just where the average standard lies it is difficult to tell. Many fishermen shipped their fish as usual for "current price," and the difficulty is to find out what the current price means. Some of the fishermen contend that current price is the highest price that ruled during the shipping season; while others are satisfied to accept the highest price that ruled up to the time of their actual sale. The position, always unsatisfactory one, has been worse than ever this season.

A few years ago, most of the Labrador fishermen were so much indebted to suppliers, that they perforce accepted any reasonable price proposed, when they came up their accounts; but that condition no longer exists. Since the inauguration of the Morris Government, and frequently good times, all our toil have become more independent, and they look sharper after their accounts and prices paid for their fish. Hence, they are no longer willing to accept a vague arrangement, implied by current Labrador price, and will have to be a more definite understanding in the future. A committee of representatives of fishermen and a committee from the Board of Trade should consider the matter as soon as possible.

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ANOTHER DAY AND NO FISH IN

Not a fishing arrival has been reported here during the past 48 hours, the gill netters and market fleet still being held up by the storm.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, haddocking, was in Shelburne, N. S., Monday, and cleared for fishing. Sch. Commonwealth, Capt. Frank Watts, and sch. Manhasset, Capt. Gray, haddocking, were in Liverpool, N. S., Monday, and cleared for fishing.

Stepping Her Spars.

The new schooner, Henrietta, is having her masts stepped at Burnham Brothers' shears.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. Val O'Neil, stocked \$1900 on her last haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$43 clear.

Porto Rico Market Comes Back.

Says the *Fishing Gazette*: The Porto Rican market has almost entirely redeemed itself. It "came back" quicker than the veterans predicted that it would. All inferior parcels that were a detriment to the market of this insular possession of Uncle Sam have disappeared or gone into consumption. The market on codfish is an advancing one.

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BEAM TRAWLERS HAD MUCH SCROD

Three in This Morning Had 45,000 Pounds in Their Catches.

Three beam trawlers furnished the bulk of the fresh fish supply at Boston this morning. The *Spray* had 30,000 pounds; *Swell*, 33,000 pounds; *Billow*, 46,000 pounds. About 45,000 pounds of the lot landed was scrod haddock.

Of the seining fleet sch. *Pontiac*, Capt. Ernest Parsons, had 30,000 pounds, and sch. *Stranger*, 5500 pounds. The fleet brought 1150 pounds fresh halibut, which sold at 23 cents a pound right through.

Groundfish prices were \$4.75 to \$5.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$6 to \$8 for large and \$4 to \$5 for market cod, \$4 to \$6 for hake, \$4 for pollock and \$2.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. *Stranger*, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. *Spray*, 27,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 250 halibut.

Sch. *Swell*, 32,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 300 halibut.

Sch. *Pontiac*, 19,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 cusk, 300 halibut.

Sch. *Billow*, 45,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 300 halibut.

Haddock \$4.75 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$8; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2.50; halibut, 23 cents per lb.

CANADA HANDS OUT FISH BOUNTY

An order-in-council has been passed at Ottawa providing for the distribution of \$160,000 in bounties, under the act to encourage the development of the sea fisheries and the building of fishing vessels.

Owners of vessels entitled to receive bounty shall be paid one dollar per registered ton provided that the payment to the owner of any one vessel shall not exceed the sum of eighty dollars and all vessel fishermen entitled to receive bounty shall be paid the sum of six dollars and forty cents each. Fishermen engaged in fishing in boats who shall also have complied with the regulations entitling them to receive bounty shall be paid the sum of three dollars and sixty-five cents each and the owners of fishing boats shall be paid the sum of one dollar \$1.00 (per boat).

Halibut Fisherman Washed Overboard.

As the halibut fishing schooner *Constitution* was fighting a fierce gale in Alaskan waters early in January, Ole Jacobson, one of the fishermen was washed overboard by a great wave. The body was recovered. The deceased leaves a wife and baby.

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BRUCE MADE BANNER STOCK

Sch. A. Platt Andrew, Capt. Wallace Bruce, stocked \$4050 on her haddocking trip at Boston Tuesday, which is the largest haddock stock of the winter. There were 25 shares, each of the crew receiving \$90.25 net as their part of the proceeds of the trip.

Capt. Bruce is high line of the winter haddocking fleet to date and with the pace that he has established will have a big seasons' work. The high single stock previous, this season, was \$3300 made by sch. *Bay State*, Capt. Archie McLeod.

Pensacola Arrivals.

The week ending January 24 at Pensacola was one of the best that the vessels have known in some time, 1 by number reaching port with a total catch of 252,345 pounds of fish, of which 220,280 pounds was red snapper and 32,065 pounds grouper. Eight vessels came to the Warren Fish Co. with a total of 116,015 pounds of fish, of which 101,095 pounds was red snapper and the balance, 14,920 pounds grouper. The average catch of the Warren fleet was 14,502 pounds.

Schooner Panama Sold.

Capt. John Gibson, of Seattle, early in January sold his halibut schooner *Martin E. Johnson*, of Ballard. Capt. of the *Pacific Net & Twine Co.*, and *Panama* of Seattle to Louis Sandstrom. Gibson has recently assumed the position of business agent for the Fishing Vessel Owners' association, of Seattle.

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WITH MAY BE A TOTAL LOSS

Priscilla Smith is still hard and on the rocks at Sandy Point, N. H. of water and there is considerable doubt as to saving her, according to information received this forenoon. A telegram was received by the insurance company this morning, seeking information as to the riggings, sails,

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Another Sealer for Halibut Fishing?

Several months ago the *Victoria* Company of Victoria, B. C., lost its schooner *Victoria* in the Gulf of Georgia, and is now engaged in remodeling the former sealing schooner *Ida Etta* to replace her. A powerful gasoline engine will be installed, and the interior torn out and reconstructed in order to make provision for a fish hold.